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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4708

April 2, 2009

The Honorable David Obey
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting funding in the FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, EERE Account for green housing. The entity to receive funding for this project is King County, located at 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104. The funding would be used for a 150 unit affordable green building demonstration project. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Conference's policy on project requests, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

DAVID G. REICHERT
Member of Congress



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

PROJECT REQUEST CERTIFICATION

By submitting this request for federal funding, I certify that:

- This project directly benefits the residents of Washington's Eighth Congressional District and merits federal funding assistance.
- None of the funds requested will be used for a new building, program, or project named after a sitting Member of Congress.
- None of the funds requested will be used to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the project request.
- For requests where the receiving entity is not a unit of federal, state, or local government, or where the entity receiving the funding will not be providing support to a federal, state, or local government, or will not be providing research, the organization will provide matching funds, including in-kind contributions of 5% or more above the statutory requirement.
- For requests from non-federal, -state, or -local government entities or other public institutions, the organization will submit an End User Letter(s) of Support from a public official representing the direct beneficiaries of the project. This will be inserted into the Congressional Record and disclosed on the Member's Congressional Website.
- Under separate cover, I agree to provide a comprehensive plan outlining the sources of funding for the duration of the project; the percent and source of required matching funds, anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project, and a detailed budget for how federal funding assistance will be used to support the project.
- In the interest of transparency, any information submitted with this project request may be disclosed for public review, including but not limited to the Committee or Member's Congressional Website and the Congressional Record.
- Should the project receive federal funding, I agree to disclose whether I hired a lobby firm; if so, the name of the lobby firm; and how much was paid to advocate for this project.

PROJECT NAME: Issaquah Highlands Zero Energy Project

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Kurt Triplett

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Chief of Staff, Office of King County Executive Ron Sims

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: King County

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 401 Fifth Ave., Suite 800, Seattle, WA 98104

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

4/3/2009



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

CONGRESSIONAL SITE VISIT CERTIFICATION

In the interests of accountability and transparency, we require that either the Congressman or a member of the Congressman's professional staff visit each project site requesting federal funding. This will enable our office to more thoroughly assess the merits of each project and ensure that limited taxpayer funds are invested wisely.

Upon completion of the congressional site visit, please complete this form and have a representative from the organization (not a representative from a lobbying firm) sign it. The Congressional Staff Member visiting the site will be responsible for collecting the form at the time of the visit.

I hereby certify that on March 31, 2009 Congressman Dave Reichert/a professional staff member from Congressman Dave Reichert's office visited our organization/project for the purposes of reviewing our request for federal funding.

PROJECT NAME: Issaquah Highlands Zero Energy Affordable Housing Project

DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: 3-31-2009

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Maura Brueger

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Senior Advisor for Federal Relations

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: King County, Washington

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: King County Courthouse
516 Third Ave, Rm 1200 Seattle, WA 98104

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

DATE: 3-31-09

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: Tom Young

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

DATE: 3.31.09

ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS PROJECT FINANCE PLAN

Total Project Cost: \$55.4 million

Public Sources: \$16.6 million which includes City in-kind value of land and waived fees of \$7.1 million)

Private (individual, corporate, foundation) donations: \$12 million

YWCA Loan and Contributions: \$1.8

Debt via tax-exempt bonds: \$7.8

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Equity: \$17.2

Give the anticipated schedule, our contractor assumes the construction alone would take 457,000 man hours, which equals 114 FTE for the duration of the project (about 2 yrs). However, since most people would only be on the job for their scope of work, maybe 6 months average duration, it really would employ more like 450+ people. This number does not take into account the support-related positions such as accountants, bookkeepers, attorneys, architects, suppliers, concrete truck drivers, city inspectors, etc.

FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization making request: **King County** Federal Tax Status: (i.e. 501(c)3) exempt

Address: **King County Courthouse, 516 Third Ave Rm 1200**

City: **Seattle** State: **WA** ZIP Code: **98104**

Point of Contact(POC): **Chuck Williams**

Phone: **(206) 296-0367** Email: **chuck.williams@kingcountv.gov**

Address: **King County Courthouse, 516 Third Ave Rm 1200**

City: **Seattle** State: **WA** ZIP Code: **98104**

DC Representation (if any): **Bill Hanka, The Ferguson Group**

Phone: **(202) 261-6003** Email: **bhanka@tfgnet.com**

Address: **1130 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 300**

City: **Washington** State: **DC** ZIP Code: **22203**

PROJECT/PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROJECT TITLE: **Issaquah Highlands Zero Energy Affordable Housing Project**

Prioritized: 12 of 13 total requests for your organization

Appropriations Bill: (Please check)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce, Justice, Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Defense
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy and Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Interior and Environment	
<input type="checkbox"/> State, Foreign Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education	
<input type="checkbox"/> Military Construction, Veterans' Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Homeland Security	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation, Housing and Urban Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services	
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Branch		

Agency/Bureau (i.e. FBI; Corps of Engineers; US Navy; ARS, etc.): **Department of Energy**

Account (i.e. Buildings and Facilities, Aviation Safety; Capital Improvements, etc):
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Amount requested for FY2010: **\$ 750,000**

Total cost of project: **\$7.5 million**

Minimum amount of FY2010 funding needed to begin or sustain this project: **This project is fully scalable.**

Is this program authorized? ☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, bill number: Year:

Is this program funded in the President's FY10 budget request? ☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, amount: \$

Anticipated total future requests: \$ Over the next years

Local, state and/or private funding sources:

Total Amount: \$ Over the next years

Other sources of Federal funding:

Total Amount: \$ Over the next years

Federal Agency Sponsor or Program Manager:

Office:

Phone Number:

Other agency advocate (if any):

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Office:

Phone Number:

Are you requesting this through any other office(s):

If yes, which office(s):

PROJECT FUNDING HISTORY (FROM CURRENT YEAR BACKWARD)

FISCAL YEAR	PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST	FUNDING AMOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS BILL	ACCOUNT, SUBACCOUNT

Executive Summary/Project Description (MAXIMUM 200 Words):

- Please include a discussion of the project's merits, relevance, eligibility, and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds.
- Please limit your description to 200 words.
- You may attach additional information, however, please understand that the description provided below will be used for any and all public disclosure requirements.

King County, City of Issaquah, Port Blakely Communities, the King/Snohomish County Master Builders, and the WSU Energy Office to build a cutting edge, attached residential green building demonstration project which will be one of the most innovative green housing projects in the Pacific Northwest, and maybe the US. The project involves the design, construction, and sale of 10 attached residential homes, built to an extremely green standard, including the following environmental benchmarks:

- zero net energy usage
- carbon neutral
- extreme low water usage
- highly sustainable, low toxicity materials and interior
- minimal stormwater runoff

Funding would be used to expand the zero emission project to include an adjacent 150-unit affordable housing project planned by a partnership of the YWCA of Seattle, King County, Snohomish County, and the City of Issaquah. The community would house up to 215 adults and 190 children. The majority of residents will earn 50% or less of King County's median income (\$39,000/year for a family of four). Approximately one quarter of the families will be very low income and earn up to \$23,000/year for a family of four. Units will also be provided for women and families moving out of homelessness.

Justification of funding:

- How does this request fit within the identified bill and account (cite specific precedents and overall purpose of account)?
- How many jobs could this project create and how will it benefit Washington's 8th Congressional District?

The YWCA Family Village at Issaquah, Net Zero Energy Approach Housing Project will provide a compelling model for how the nation can seriously respond to the critical need for affordable housing while advancing environmental standards and addressing economic issues. Affordable housing developments for vulnerable members of the community and today's workforce cannot overlook issues such as climate impact, energy security, and water conservation. Through advanced 100-year building design with a goal of net zero energy usage, these 150 new homes will prove the value of investing upfront for the benefit of future generations by reducing ongoing utility and maintenance costs with an eye to environmental stewardship. This demonstration project reflects the leadership among city, county and state agencies in creating environmentally sustainable developments and will significantly accelerate sustainable development throughout the region. It benefits from an adjacent cutting edge, market rate, residential demonstration Zero Energy Project currently being built under the leadership of the City of Issaquah, in collaboration with King County, Noland Homes, Built Green, Puget Sound Energy, Port Blakely Communities, and Washington State University Energy Office.

The federal request helps offset the approximately \$7.5 million additional cost to achieve the zero net energy approach within the YWCA units. In addition to federal funds, project staff will aggressively seek grant and foundation funding to offset additional costs.

The YWCA development also proposes a daycare, community center and resident services. It is adjacent to the Issaquah Highlands Park and Ride Lot for easy transit access.

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Specific language proposed for Congressman's request to the subcommittee (if any):

Is there any other relevant information regarding this request that you would like to share?

CONTINUE FOR DEFENSE REQUEST ONLY:

What is the name and number of the Program Officer for this request?

Have you contacted the Program Officer?

Appropriations Account: (Please check)

☐ RDT&E ☐ Procurement ☐ O&M ☐ Counter Drugs ☐ Medical

☐ Reserve Equipment ☐ National Guard Equipment ☐ Other (DW, for example)

Service: (Please check)

☐ Army ☐ Army Reserve ☐ Navy ☐ Navy Reserve ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Marine Corps Reserve

☐ Air Force ☐ Air Force Reserve ☐ Intelligence ☐ Army Guard ☐ Air National Guard

Line Item Title:

Identification:

R-1/PE # _____ P-1/Line # _____ TIARA/JMIP (Intel Only) _____

Sub-Activity Group (required for Personnel and O&M):